

"My So-Called Enemy" award, screenings in Cleveland, The Global Peace FF--and more!



After our screening at the Spectrum 8 Theatre, Albany
Meira Blaustein, Director Woodstock FF (L)
Sarah LaDuke, WAMC Radio Producer (R)

Dear Friends,

I hope you're having a wonderful Summer! It is with great joy that I'm sharing our latest awards/honors, recent film highlights, information about upcoming screenings and our latest initiative, "My So-Called Enemy" Brain Trusts.

Awards/Honors

Winner, CINE Golden Eagle Award, Feature Documentary: "My So-Called Enemy" recently won a CINE Golden Eagle. "CINE winners are chosen through a rigorous jury system, based on storytelling, production value, artistry, purpose and overall excellence."

Juror, 2011 Woodstock Film Festival: I am thrilled to be returning to the WFF, where "My So-Called Enemy" screened last year, as a Juror for Short Documentaries and on a Documentary Filmmaking Panel. If you can get to Woodstock between 9/21 and 9/25, I highly recommend this jewel of a festival.

Honoree, "Legends and Luminaries Gala," Boston Jewish Film Festival: After receiving an Audience Award for Best Documentary Film at the 2010 BJFF, it's humbling to be one of the honorees at this year's annual gala. Saturday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. -- WGBH, One Guest St., Boston
[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Recent highlights

[One Race Global Film Foundation \(Dominican Republic\)](#)

I recently had the privilege of sharing "My So-Called Enemy" with 30 students from the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, India, Pakistan, Honduras and Ghana, in Vin Diesel's One Race intensive film program. I was invited because of the conflict resolution component in their curriculum. Vin's father, NYU professor Irving Vincent, is the program director.

[2011 Roxbury International Film Festival: Films Celebrating People of Color \(Brookline, MA\)](#)

I had the joy of presenting "My So-Called Enemy," the kick-off film for RIFF, to a sold-out house at the Coolidge Corner Theater. "My So-Called Enemy" received some great press around the festival.

"..While the film seems to at first present itself as an optimistic vision of peace dependent on the people, specifically women, and not the government, perhaps the greatest success of the film is its ability to remain grounded and balanced. Gossels did a wonderful job focusing on a wide range of thinkers, and not limiting herself to one perspective... It was exactly that type of footage —of frustration and doubt—that served as the sobering theme, and also as the triumph, of the film." -Gabi P. Remz, Moment Magazine, 8/19/11

[Exploration Summer Program, Yale University Campus \(New Haven, CT\)](#)

In July and August, I presented "My So-Called Enemy" at Exploration's amazing Senior Program for high school students from around the globe--and visited classrooms. The film received a heartwarming embrace from the students, including those from the Middle East.

Upcoming Screenings/Film Festivals -- Please join us and tell your friends about our upcoming screenings!

Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)

August 28th at 1:00pm -- Strosacker Auditorium -- 2125 Adelbert Road

Screening: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Panel discussion: 2:30pm to 3:15pm

I will be joined by Moderator, Dr. Peter W. Moore, CWRU and Panelists Dr. Brian Amkraut, Siegal College of Judaic Studies, Dr. Nahida Halaby Gordon, a Palestinian-American CWRU professor and Dr. Zeki Saritoprak, Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies, John Carroll University. All are involved in diversity, Israeli-Palestinian peace and multi-faith initiatives. A big thank you to organizer Cathy Watterson and the 40 local organizations doing outreach for this event.

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2011 Global Peace Film Festival (Orlando, FL)

Thursday, September 22nd at 7:30pm -- Rollins College SunTrust Auditorium

Saturday, September 24th at 7:30pm -- First Congregational Church of Winter Park

[Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

2011 BendFilm: A Celebration of Independent Cinema (Bend, OR)

October 6th-9th. Tickets will be available for purchase in early September.

[Click here](#) for more information.

A new initiative: "My So-Called Enemy" Brain Trusts

Thanks to the generosity of social justice leaders Nicole Berner, Heather Booth, Dan Furmansky and Idit Klein, we had our first "My So-Called Enemy" screenings and strategy sessions in Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC. in July. Participants included more than 50 social justice leaders representing, among others, the Alliance for Middle East Peace, American Jewish World Service, Canadian Ambassadors, The Council on American Islamic Relations, The Fletcher School of Diplomacy, J Street, Just Vision, Keshet, The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, the New Israel Fund, The State Department, The UN Foundation, USAID and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Our post-screening discussions focused on how "My So-Called Enemy" can be used in their education and in advocacy efforts--and what those partnerships would look like. With thanks to my Summer interns, Gary Anello and Elise Malkin--and our transcribers in Cambridge and DC, Hannah Egan and Olivia Albright.

Our next step is to plan Brain Trust sessions in New York City and Los Angeles. If you're interested in helping to organize the event or in participating, please send me an e-mail.

Bringing "My So-Called Enemy" to your community

Please let me know if you are interested in hosting a screening and/or inviting me to present "My So-Called Enemy" at your academic or religious institution, peace/multi-faith organization or after-school program. Because our model is coalition-building, when possible we encourage screenings to be co-hosted by diverse groups. I am also available to teach on college campuses.

It has been just over a year since "My So-Called Enemy" premiered at Silverdocs. Thank you for taking this journey with us and for the love and support you have shared along the way. Please get in touch if you have ideas about how our film can have the greatest impact in your community: not only for dialogue around Middle East peace, but for celebrating diversity, building bridges of understanding, and empowering girls/women/our youth to be agents for social change.

With gratitude and love,

Lisa

For the latest news on "My So-Called Enemy"

Join our mailing list: www.mysocalledenemy.com

"Like" our film on Facebook: www.facebook.com/mysocalledenemy

Watch our trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kKOL14t2XE>

"MY SO-CALLED ENEMY" a good egg production
director/producer **Lisa Gossels** producer **Eden Wurmfeld**
director of photography **Justin Schein** edited by **Lisa Gossels**
David Mehman Toby Shimin music by **Nathan Larson**

2010 Hamptons International Film Festival

Winner, Jury Prize for Best Conflict & Resolution Film

2010 Starz Denver Film Festival

Winner, Special Jury Prize in Filmmaking

2010 Boston Jewish Film Festival

Winner, Audience Award, Best Feature Documentary Film

2011 Newport Beach Film Festival

Winner, Jury Award, Best Feature Documentary Film

Winner, MacGillivray Freeman Films Award for Excellence in Documentary Filmmaking (feature)

2011 CINE Golden Eagle

Winner, CINE Golden Eagle, Documentary Feature